REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have cancelled claim 1, without prejudice, and have amended claims 2 and 5 into independent formal including all of the elements of the underlying claims. Claim 5 has also been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for all of the elements recited in the claim. As claims 2 and 5 were indicated to be allowable if amended in the foregoing manner, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

It is noted that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on March 6, 2007.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form submitted concurrently with the IDS to the Applicants so that the Applicants may confirm that the cited references have been considered.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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